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7-SUBSTITUTED-3-VINYL-3-CEPHEM COMPOUNDS  
AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTION OF THE SAME

The present invention relates to novel 7-substituted-3-vinyl-3-cephem compounds and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5 More particularly, it relates to novel 7-substituted-3-vinyl-3-cephem compounds and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which have antimicrobial activity, to processes for the production of the same, to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same, and to a method for the treatment of infectious  
10 diseases caused by pathogenic microorganisms comprising administering the same to infected human being or animals.

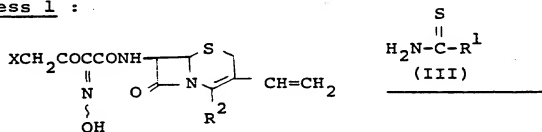
Accordingly, one object of the present invention is to provide novel 7-substituted-3-vinyl-3-cephem compounds and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,  
15 which are highly active against a number of pathogenic microorganisms and are useful as antimicrobial agents, especially for oral administration.



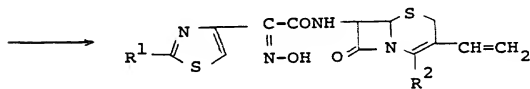
and may include a salt with a base or an acid addition salt such as a salt with an inorganic base, for example, an alkali metal salt (e.g. sodium salt, potassium salt, etc.), an alkaline earth metal salt (e.g. calcium salt, magnesium salt, etc.), an ammonium salt; a salt with an organic base, for example, an organic amine salt (e.g. triethylamine salt, pyridine salt, picoline salt, ethanolamine salt, triethanolamine salt, dicyclohexylamine salt, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine salt, etc.) etc.; an inorganic acid addition salt (e.g. hydrochloride, hydrobromide, sulfate, phosphate, etc.); an organic carboxylic or sulfonic acid addition salt (e.g. formate, acetate, trifluoroacetate, maleate, tartrate, methane-sulfonate, benzenesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate, etc.); a salt with a basic or acidic amino acid (e.g. arginine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, etc.); and the like.

The object compound (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of this invention can be produced by the processes illustrated below.

(1) Process 1 :

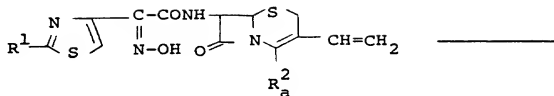


(II)  
or a salt thereof



(I)  
or a salt thereof

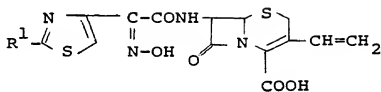
(2) Process 2 :



(Ia)

or a salt thereof

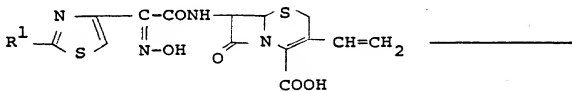
Removal of the  
carboxy-protective  
group



(Ib)

or a salt thereof

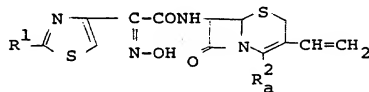
(3) Process 3 :



(Ib)

or a reactive derivative at the carboxy  
group thereof, or a salt thereof

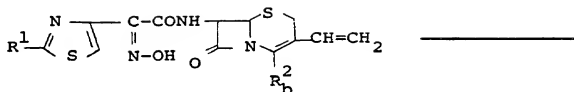
Introduction of  
the carboxy-protective  
group



(Ia)

or a salt thereof

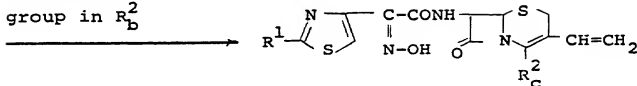
(4) Process 4 :



(Ic)

or a salt thereof

Removal of the  
carboxy-protective  
group in  $\text{R}^2_b$



(Id)

or a salt thereof

in which  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are each as defined above,

$\text{X}$  is halogen,

$\text{R}^2_a$  is a protected carboxy group,

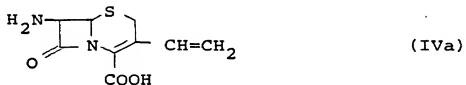
$\text{R}^2_b$  is protected carboxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl,  
and

$\text{R}^2_c$  is carboxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl.

With regard to the starting compound (II) used in  
Process 1, said compound (II) is new and can be prepared,  
for example, by the following processes.



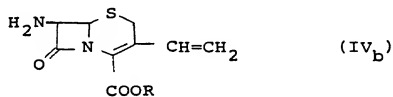
Process A :



or a reactive derivative at the carboxy group thereof, or a salt thereof

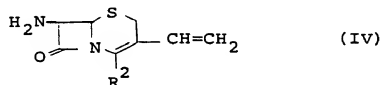


or a reactive derivative at the hydroxy group, or a salt thereof

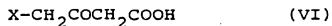


20 or a salt thereof

Process B :



or a reactive derivative at the amino group thereof, or a salt thereof

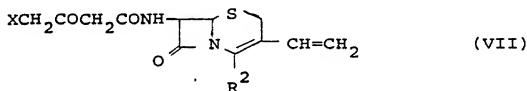


or a reactive derivative at the carboxy group or a salt thereof

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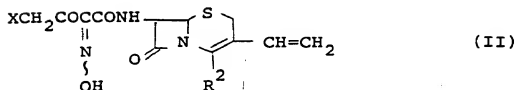
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or a salt thereof

(2)

Nitrosating Agent



or a salt thereof

in which  $\text{R}^2$  and X are each as defined above,  
and

R is lower alkoxycarbonyloxy(lower)alkyl.

In the above and subsequent descriptions of the present specification, suitable examples and illustrations of the various definitions which the present invention include within the scope thereof are explained in detail as follows.

The term "lower" is intended to mean 1 to 6 carbon atom(s), unless otherwise indicated.

The term "higher" is intended to mean 7 to 20 carbon atoms, unless otherwise indicated.

Suitable "protected amino" group may include an amino group substituted by a conventional amino-protective group which is used in penicillin and cephalosporin compounds, for example, acyl as mentioned below, ar(lower)alkyl such as mono-(or di or tri)phenyl(lower)-

alkyl (e.g. benzyl, benzhydryl, trityl, etc.), lower alkoxycarbonyl(lower)alkylidene or its enamine tautomer (e.g. 1-methoxycarbonyl-1-propen-2-yl, etc.), di(lower)-alkylaminomethylene (e.g. dimethylaminomethylene, etc.), etc.

Suitable "acyl" may include an aliphatic acyl, an aromatic acyl, a heterocyclic acyl and an aliphatic acyl substituted with aromatic or heterocyclic group(s).

The aliphatic acyl may include saturated or unsaturated, acyclic or cyclic ones, such as lower alkanoyl (e.g. formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, isovaleryl, pivaloyl, hexanoyl, etc.), lower alkanesulfonyl (e.g. mesyl, ethanesulfonyl, propanesulfonyl, etc.), lower alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl, etc.), lower alkenoyl (e.g. acryloyl, methacryloyl, crotonoyl, etc.), (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)-cycloalkanecarbonyl (e.g. cyclohexanecarbonyl, etc.), amidino, and the like.

The aromatic acyl may include aroyl (e.g. benzoyl, toluoyl, xyloyl, etc.), arenesulfonyl (e.g. benzene-sulfonyl, tosyl, etc.), and the like.

The heterocyclic acyl may include heterocycle-carbonyl (e.g. furoyl, thenoyl, nicotinoyl, isonicotinoyl, thiazolylcarbonyl, thiadiazolylcarbonyl, tetrazolylcarbonyl, etc.), and the like.

The aliphatic acyl substituted with aromatic group(s) may include ar(lower)alkanoyl such as phenyl(lower)-alkanoyl (e.g. phenylacetyl, phenylpropionyl, phenylhexanoyl, etc.), ar(lower)alkoxycarbonyl such as phenyl(lower)alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl, phenethyloxycarbonyl, etc.), phenoxy(lower)alkanoyl (e.g. phenoxyacetyl, phenoxypropionyl, etc.), and the like.

The aliphatic acyl substituted with heterocyclic

group(s) may include thienylacetyl, imidazolylacetyl, furlacetyl, tetrazolylacetyl, thiazolylacetyl, thiadiazolylacetyl, thienylpropionyl, thiadiazolylpropionyl, and the like.

5        These acyl groups may be further substituted with one or more suitable substituents such as lower alkyl (e.g. methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, etc.), halogen (e.g. chlorine, bromine, iodine, fluorine), lower alkoxy (e.g. methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, pentyloxy, hexyloxy, etc.), lower alkylthio (e.g. methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, isopropylthio, butylthio, pentylthio, hexylthio, etc.), nitro and the like, and preferable acyl having such substituent(s) may be mono (or di or tri)halo(lower)-  
10        alkanoyl (e.g. chloroacetyl, bromoacetyl, dichloroacetyl, trifluoroacetyl, etc.), mono (or di or tri)halo(lower)-alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. chloromethoxycarbonyl, dichloromethoxycarbonyl, 2,2,2-tri-chloroethoxycarbonyl, etc.),  
15        nitro (or halo or lower alkoxy)phenyl(lower)alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl, chlorobenzyloxy-carbonyl, methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, etc.), and the like.

20        Suitable "protected carboxy" group and "protected carboxy" moiety in the term "protected carboxy(lower)-alkoxycarbonyl" may include an esterified carboxy group  
25        which is conventionally used in penicillin or cephalosporin compound.

      Suitable "ester moiety" in "esterified carboxy group" may include lower alkyl ester (e.g. methyl ester, ethyl ester, propyl ester, isopropyl ester, butyl ester,  
30        isobutyl ester, t-butyl ester, pentyl ester, tert-pentyl ester, hexyl ester, etc.), lower alkenyl ester (e.g. vinyl ester, allyl ester, etc.), lower alkynyl ester (e.g. ethynyl ester, propynyl ester, etc.), lower  
35        alkoxy(lower)alkyl ester (e.g. methoxymethyl ester, ethoxymethyl ester, isopropoxymethyl ester, 1-methoxyethyl

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ester, 1-ethoxyethyl ester, etc.), lower alkylthio(lower)-  
 alkyl ester (e.g. methylthiomethyl ester, ethylthiomethyl  
 ester, ethylthioethyl ester, isopropylthiomethyl ester, etc.),  
 carboxy-substituted-lower alkyl ester (e.g. carboxymethyl  
 5 ester, 2-carboxyethyl ester, 3-carboxypropyl ester, etc.),  
 protected carboxy-substituted-lower alkyl ester such as  
 lower alkoxycarbonyl-substituted-lower alkyl ester (e.g.  
 tert-butoxycarbonylmethyl ester, 2-tert-butoxycarbonyl-  
 ethyl ester, 3-tert-butoxycarbonylpropyl ester, etc.),  
 10 mono(or di or tri)halo(lower)alkyl ester (e.g.  
 2-iodoethyl ester, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl ester, etc.),  
 lower alkanoyloxy(lower)alkyl ester [e.g. acetoxymethyl  
 ester, propionyloxymethyl ester, butyryloxymethyl ester,  
 valeryloxymethyl ester, pivaloyloxymethyl ester,  
 15 hexanoyloxymethyl ester, 1(or 2)-acetoxylethyl ester,  
 1(or 2 or 3)-acetoxypentyl ester, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4)-  
 acetoxypentyl ester, 1(or 2)-propionyloxyethyl ester,  
 1(or 2 or 3)-propionyloxypropyl ester, 1(or 2)-  
 butyryloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-isobutyryloxyethyl ester,  
 20 1(or 2)-pivaloyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-hexanoyloxyethyl  
 ester, isobutyryloxymethyl ester, 2-ethylbutyryloxymethyl  
 ester, 3,3-dimethylbutyryloxymethyl ester, 1(or 2)-  
 pentanoyloxyethyl ester, etc.], higher alkanoyloxy(lower)-  
 alkyl ester [e.g. heptanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 25 octanoyloxymethyl ester, nonanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 decanoyloxymethyl ester, undecanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 lauroylloxymethyl ester, tridecanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 myristoyloxymethyl ester, pentadecanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 palmitoyloxymethyl ester, heptadecanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 30 stearoyloxymethyl ester, nonadecanoyloxymethyl ester,  
 icosanoyloxymethyl ester, 1(or 2)-heptanoyloxyethyl ester,  
 1(or 2)-octanoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-nonanoyloxyethyl  
 ester, 1(or 2)-decanoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-  
 undecanoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-lauroylloxyethyl ester,  
 35 1(or 2)-tridecanoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-myristoyloxyethyl

ester, 1(or 2)-pentadecanoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-  
palmitoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-heptadecanoyloxyethyl  
ester, 1(or 2)-stearoyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-nonadecanoyl-  
oxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-icosanoyloxyethyl ester, etc.],  
5 lower alkoxycarbonyloxy(lower)alkyl ester [e.g.  
methoxycarbonyloxymethyl ester, ethoxycarbonyloxymethyl  
ester, propoxycarbonyloxymethyl ester, isopropoxycarbonyl-  
oxymethyl ester, tert-butoxycarbonyloxymethyl ester,  
1(or 2)-methoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-  
10 ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-propoxycarbonyloxyethyl  
ester, 1(or 2)-isopropoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester,  
1(or 2)-butoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-  
isobutoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-tert-  
butoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester, 1(or 2)-hexyloxcarbonyloxy-  
15 ethyl ester, 1(or 2 or 3)-methoxycarbonyloxypropyl  
ester, 1(or 2 or 3)-ethoxycarbonyloxypropyl ester,  
1(or 2 or 3)-isopropoxycarbonyloxypropyl ester, 1(or 2 or  
3 or 4)-ethoxycarbonyloxybutyl ester, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4)-  
butoxycarbonyloxybutyl ester, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5)-  
20 pentyloxcarbonloxypropyl ester, 1 (or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5)-  
neopentyloxcarbonyloxypropyl ester, 1 (or 2 or 3 or 4 or  
5 or 6)-ethoxycarbonyloxyhexyl ester, etc.],  
(5-lower alkyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl) (lower)alkyl ester  
[e.g. (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl ester,  
25 (5-ethyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl ester,  
(5-propyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)ethyl ester, etc.],  
lower alkanesulfonyl(lower)alkyl ester (e.g. mesylmethyl  
ester, 2-mesyloethyl ester, etc.), ar(lower)alkyl ester  
which may have one or more substituent(s) such as mono-  
30 (or di or tri)phenyl(lower)alkyl ester which may have  
one or more suitable substituent(s) (e.g. benzyl  
ester, 4-methoxybenzyl ester, 4-nitrobenzyl ester, phenethyl  
ester, benzhydryl ester, trityl ester, bis(methoxyphenyl)-  
methyl ester, 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl ester, 4-hydroxy-3,5-  
35 di-t-butylbenzyl ester, etc.), aryl ester which may have

one or more suitable substituents (e.g. phenyl ester, tolyl ester, t-butylphenyl ester, xylyl ester, mesityl ester, cumenyl ester, salicyl ester, etc.), heterocyclic ester (e.g. phthalidyl ester, etc.), and the like.

5        Suitable "halogen" may include chlorine, bromine, iodine, and the like.

      Suitable "lower alkoxycarbonyl" group in the terms "protected carboxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl" and "carboxy-(lower)alkoxycarbonyl" may include methoxycarbonyl, 10        ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, and the like.

      Suitable "lower alkoxycarbonyloxy(lower)alkyl" group may include methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, ethoxycarbonyloxymethyl, propoxycarbonyloxymethyl, isopropoxycarbonyloxymethyl, tert-butoxycarbonyloxymethyl, 1(or 2)-methoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 1(or 2)-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 15        1(or 2)-propoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 1(or 2)-isopropoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 1(or 2)-butoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 1(or 2)-isobutoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 1(or 2)-tert-butoxycarbonyloxyethyl, 1(or 2)-hexyloxyloxyethyl, 20        1(or 2 or 3)-methoxycarbonyloxypropyl, 1(or 2 or 3)-ethoxycarbonyloxypropyl, 1(or 2 or 3)-isopropoxycarbonyloxypropyl, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4)-ethoxycarbonyloxybutyl, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4)-butoxycarbonyloxybutyl, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5)-pentyloxyloxypropyl, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5)-neopentyloxyloxypropyl, 1(or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6)-ethoxycarbonyloxyhexyl, and the like.

      Preferable embodiments of the object compound (I) are as follows.

      Preferable embodiment of  $R^1$  is amino; and  $R^2$  is carboxy 30        or esterified carboxy [more preferably carboxy-substituted-lower alkoxycarbonyl, lower alkoxycarbonyl-substituted-lower alkoxycarbonyl, lower alkanoyloxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl, higher alkanoyloxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl, lower alkoxy-carbonyloxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl, (5-lower alkyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl) (lower)alkoxycarbonyl, ar(lower)alkoxycarbonyl 35        ]

(e.g., diphenyl(lower)alkoxycarbonyl), or phthalidylloxycarbonyl].

5 The processes for the production of the compound (I) or a salt thereof will be explained in detail as follows.

(1) Process 1 :

10 The compound (I) or a salt thereof can be produced by reacting the compound (II) or a salt thereof with the compound (III).

Suitable salt of the compound (II) may include the same salt with a base as exemplified for the compound (I).

15 This reaction is usually conducted in a conventional solvent which does not adversely influence the reaction such as ethyl acetate, methylene chloride, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, tetrahydrofuran, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, dioxane, water, etc., or a mixture thereof.

20 The reaction temperature is not critical and the reaction is usually conducted under cooling to warming.

Process 2 :

25 The compound (Ib) or a salt thereof can be produced by subjecting the compound (Ia) or a salt thereof to the removal reaction of the carboxy-protective group.

Suitable salts of the compounds (Ia) and (Ib) may include the same ones as exemplified for the compound (I).

30 Suitable method for this removal reaction may include conventional one such as hydrolysis, reduction, or the like.

35 (i) For hydrolysis :



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Hydrolysis is preferably carried out in the presence of an acid.

Suitable acid may be an inorganic acid (e.g. hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, etc.), an organic acid (e.g. formic acid, acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, propionic acid, methanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, etc.), an acidic ion-exchange resin and the like.

In case that the organic acid such as trifluoroacetic acid and p-toluenesulfonic acid is used in this reaction, the reaction is preferably carried out in the presence of cation trapping agents (e.g. anisole, etc.).

The hydrolysis is usually conducted in a conventional solvent which does not adversely influence the reaction such as water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, tert-butyl alcohol, tetrahydrofuran, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, dioxane or a mixture thereof, and further the above-mentioned acids can also be used as a solvent when they are in liquid.

The reaction temperature of this hydrolysis is not critical, and the reaction is usually conducted under cooling to at somewhat elevated temperature.

(ii) For Reduction :

Reduction is conducted in a conventional manner, including chemical reduction and catalytic reduction.

Suitable reducing agents to be used in chemical reduction are a combination of a metal (e.g. tin, zinc, iron, etc.) or metallic compound (e.g. chromium chloride, chromium acetate, etc.) and an organic or inorganic acid (e.g. formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, etc.).

Suitable catalysts to be used in catalytic reduction

are conventional ones such as platinum catalysts (e.g. platinum plate, spongy platinum, platinum black, colloidal platinum, platinum oxide, platinum wire, etc.), palladium catalysts (e.g. spongy palladium, palladium black, palladium oxide, palladium on carbon, colloidal palladium, palladium on barium sulfate, palladium on barium carbonate, etc.), nickel catalysts (e.g. reduced nickel, nickel oxide, Raney nickel, etc.), cobalt catalysts (e.g. reduced cobalt, Raney cobalt, etc.), iron catalysts (e.g. reduced iron, Raney iron, etc.), copper catalysts (e.g. reduced copper, Raney copper, Ullman copper, etc.) and the like.

The reduction is usually conducted in a conventional solvent which does not adversely influence the reaction such as water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, N,N-dimethylformamide, or a mixture thereof. Additionally, in case that the above-mentioned acids to be used in chemical reduction are in liquid, they can also be used as a solvent. Further, a suitable solvent to be used in catalytic reduction may be the above-mentioned solvent, and other conventional solvent such as diethyl ether, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, etc., or a mixture thereof.

The reaction temperature of this reduction is not critical and the reaction is usually conducted under cooling to warming.

### Process 3 :

The compound (Ia) or a salt thereof can be produced by introducing a carboxy-protective group into the compound (Ib) or a reactive derivative at the carboxy group thereof, or a salt thereof.

Suitable reactive derivative at the carboxy group of the compound (Ib) may include conventional one which

can be applied to this reaction such as acid halide (e.g. acid chloride, acid bromide, etc.), or the like.

5 The introducing agent of a carboxy-protective group to be used in this reaction may include a conventional esterifying agent such as an alcohol or its reactive equivalent (e.g. halide, sulfonate, sulfate, diazo compound, etc.), and the like.

10 The present reaction can also be carried out in the presence of an organic or inorganic base such as alkali metal (e.g. lithium, sodium, potassium, etc.), alkaline earth metal (e.g. calcium, etc.), alkali metal hydride (e.g. sodium hydride, etc.), alkaline earth metal hydride (e.g. calcium hydride, etc.), alkali metal hydroxide (e.g. sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, etc.), alkali metal carbonate (e.g. sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, cesium carbonate, etc.), alkali metal bicarbonate (e.g. sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, etc.), alkali metal alkoxide (e.g. sodium methoxide, sodium ethoxide, potassium tert-butoxide, etc.), alkali metal alkanoate (e.g. sodium acetate, etc.), trialkylamine (e.g. triethylamine, etc.), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]-undec-7-en, pyridines (e.g. pyridine, lutidine, picoline, etc.), quinoline and the like, and can also be carried  
25 out in the presence of metal iodide (e.g. sodium iodide, potassium iodide, etc.).

In case that the alcohol is used as the introducing agent of a carboxy-protective group, the reaction can be  
30 carried out in the presence of a condensing agent such as a carbodiimide compound (e.g. N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, N-cyclohexyl-N'-(4-diethylaminocyclohexyl)carbodiimide, N,N'-diethylcarbodiimide, N,N'-diisopropylcarbodiimide, N-ethyl-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide, etc.),  
35 a sulfonic acid ester of N-hydroxybenzotriazole derivative

[e.g. 1-(4-chlorobenzenesulfonyloxy)-6-chloro-1H-benzotriazole, etc.], or the like.

This reaction is usually conducted in a solvent which does not adversely influence the reaction such as acetone, dioxane, acetonitrile, chloroform, benzene, methylene chloride, ethylene chloride, tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate, dimethylsulfoxide, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, pyridine, hexamethylphosphoramide, etc. or a mixture thereof.

The reaction temperature is not critical, and the reaction is in many cases conducted under cooling, at ambient temperature or under heating.

Process 4 :

The compound (Id) or a salt thereof can be prepared by subjecting the compound (Ic) or a salt thereof to removal reaction of the carboxy-protective group in  $R_b^2$ .

This reaction is carried out by a conventional method such as hydrolysis, reduction, and the like.

The method of hydrolysis and reduction, and the reaction conditions (e.g. reaction temperature, solvent, etc.) are substantially the same as those illustrated for removal reaction of the carboxy-protective group of the compound (Ia) in Process 2, and therefore are to be referred to said explanation.

The object compound (I) can be converted into its pharmaceutically acceptable salt in a conventional manner.

The processes for the preparation of the starting compound are explained in detail in the following.

Process A :

The compound (IVb) or a salt thereof can be produced by reacting the compound (IVa) or a reactive derivative at the carboxy group thereof, or a salt thereof with the compound (V) or a reactive derivative at the hydroxy group, or a salt thereof.

Suitable reactive derivative at the carboxy group of the compound (IVa) may include the same ones as exemplified for the compound (Ib) in Process 3.

Suitable reactive derivative at the hydroxy group of the compound (V) may include the compound (V) whose hydroxy group is substituted by an acid residue such as halogen (e.g. chlorine, bromine, iodine, etc.), or the like.

Suitable salts of the compounds (IVa) and (IVb) may include the same salt as exemplified for the compound (I), and suitable salt of the compound (V) may include the same salt with a base as exemplified for the compound (I).

This reaction is carried out by the same method as that illustrated for Process 3, and therefore, the reaction conditions (e.g. reaction temperature, solvent, base, etc.) are to be referred to said explanation.

Process B - (1) :

The compound (VII) or a salt thereof can be produced by reacting the compound (IV) or a reactive derivative at the amino group thereof, or a salt thereof with the compound (VI) or a reactive derivative at the carboxy group thereof or a salt thereof.

Suitable reactive derivative at the amino group of the compound (IV) may include a conventional one, for example, a silyl derivative formed by the reaction of the compound (IV) with a silyl compound such as trimethylsilylacetamide, bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide, or the like, and suitable reactive derivative of the

compound (VI) may include an acid halide such as acid chloride, acid bromide, or the like, which can be prepared by the reaction of diketene and halogen.

5        Suitable salt of the compound (IV) may include the same salt as exemplified for the compound (I), and suitable salts of the compounds (VI) and (VII) may include the same salt with a base as exemplified for the compound (I).

10        The reaction is usually conducted in a conventional solvent which does not adversely influence the reaction such as water, acetone, dioxane, acetonitrile, chloroform, benzene, methylene chloride, ethylene chloride,  
15        tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate, N,N-dimethylformamide, pyridine, hexamethylphosphoramide, etc., or a mixture thereof.

20        The reaction temperature is not critical and the reaction is usually conducted under cooling to warming.

Process B - (2):

25        The compound (II) or a salt thereof can be produced by reacting the compound (VII) or a salt thereof with a nitrosating agent.

30        Suitable nitrosating agent may include nitrous acid and its conventional derivatives such as nitrosyl halide (e.g. nitrosyl chloride, nitrosyl bromide, etc.), alkali metal nitrite (e.g. sodium nitrite, potassium nitrite, etc.), alkyl nitrite (e.g. butyl nitrite, pentyl nitrite, etc.) and the like.

35        In case that a salt of nitrous acid or its alkali metal salt is used as a nitrosating agent, the reaction

is preferably carried out in the presence of an acid such as an inorganic or organic acid (e.g. hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, formic acid, acetic acid, etc.).

5 This reaction is usually conducted in a conventional solvent which does not adversely influence the reaction such as water, acetic acid, benzene, methanol, ethanol, tetrahydrofuran, methylene chloride, or a mixture thereof.

10 The reaction temperature is not critical and the reaction is preferably conducted within the range of cooling to an ambient temperature.

15 The compound (II) of this reaction may include syn isomer, anti isomer and a mixture thereof at the hydroxyimino group thereof, and such compound may be represented by the partial formula :



25 The object compound (I) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of the present invention are novel and exhibit high antimicrobial activity, inhibiting the growth of a wide variety of pathogenic microorganisms including Gram-positive and Gram-negative microorganisms and are useful as antimicrobial agents, especially for oral administration.

30 Now in order to show the utility of the object compound (I), the test data on the urinary excretion of a representative compound (I) of this invention are shown in the following.

Urinary Excretion Test

(1) Test Method

Test compound (100 mg/kg) was given orally to groups of three rats, and urinary samples were collected at 0 to 24 hours.

(2) Test Compound

(A) Pivaloyloxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (hereinafter referred to as Compound A)

(3) Test Result

Percentage of urinary excretion value is shown in the following table.

Compound	Urinary Excretion (%)
A	54.09

For therapeutic administration, the object compound (I) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of the present invention are used in the form of conventional pharmaceutical preparation which contains said compound as an active ingredient, in admixture with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers such as an organic or inorganic solid or liquid excipient which is suitable for oral, parenteral and external administration. The pharmaceutical preparations may be in solid form such as tablet, granule, powder, capsule, or liquid form such as solution, suspension, syrup, emulsion, lemonade and the like.

If needed, there may be included in the above



preparations auxiliary substances, stabilizing agents, wetting agents and other commonly used additives such as lactose, citric acid, tartaric acid, stearic acid, magnesium stearate, terra alba, sucrose, corn starch, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, peanut oil, olive oil, cacao butter, ethylene glycol, and the like.

While the dosage of the compound (I) may vary from and also depend upon the age, conditions of the patient, a kind of diseases, a kind of the compound (I) to be applied, etc. In general, amounts between 1 mg and about 4,000 mg or even more per day may be administered to a patient. An average single dose of about 50 mg, 100 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg, 1000 mg, 2000 mg of the object compound (I) of the present invention may be used in treating diseases infected by pathogenic microorganisms.

The following Preparations and Examples are given for the purpose of illustrating the present invention.

#### Preparation 1

1-DL-Iodoethyl ethyl carbonate (7.32 g) was added all at once to a solution of 7-amino-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (4.52 g) and 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-en (4.5 ml) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (45 ml) under ice-cooling. After the mixture was stirred for 45 minutes at 0-3°C, the reaction mixture was poured into ice-water (200 ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate (200 ml). The organic extract was washed with water and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to one fourth volume of its original one. The concentrate was added to concentrated hydrochloric acid (2 ml). The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ethyl acetate and air-dried to give DL-1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-amino-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate hydrochloride (2.66 g).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3400, 1775, 1755, 1720

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.27 (3H, t,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ),  
1.53 (3H, d,  $J=6\text{Hz}$ ), 3.93 (2H, m),  
4.23 (2H, q,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 5.0-6.0 (4H, m),  
6.7-7.2 (2H, m), 8.0-10.0 (2H, broad m)

### Preparation 2

Benzhydryl 7-amino-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate hydrochloride (150 g) and trimethylsilylacetamide (189 g) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (1.5 liter), and the solution was cooled to  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . Thereto was added 4-bromoacetoacetic bromide, which was obtained from diketene (39 g) and bromine (75 g) in methylene chloride (200 ml) at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ , and the mixture was stirred at  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  for an hour. The reaction mixture was poured into a mixture of methylene chloride (2 liter) and water (1 liter), and the organic layer was separated, followed by washing with water and an aqueous sodium chloride. After the solvent was removed in vacuo, the resultant precipitates were washed with ethyl acetate and then dried to give benzhydryl 7-(4-bromoacetoacetamido)-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (171 g), mp  $133-137^\circ\text{C}$  (dec.).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3270, 1765, 1705, 1650, 1550

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 3.5-4.5 (6H, m), 5.2-6.0 (4H, m),  
6.83 (1H, m), 7.00 (1H, s), 7.45 (10H, m),  
9.25 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ )

### Preparation 3

The following compound was obtained according to a similar manner to that of Preparation 2.

DL-1-Ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-(4-bromoacetoacetamido)-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 1780, 1760, 1270, 1080

NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 1.27 (3H, t, J=7Hz),  
1.53 (3H, d, J=6Hz), 3.93 (2H, m),  
4.17 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, q, J=7Hz),  
4.33 (2H, s), 5.0-6.0 (4H, m),  
6.5-7.2 (2H, m), 9.17 (1H, d, J=8Hz)

#### Preparation 4

To a solution of benzhydryl 7-(4-bromoacetoacetamido)-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (40 g) in methylene chloride (400 ml) and acetic acid (200 ml) was added dropwise a solution of sodium nitrite (7.5 g) in water (50 ml) at -10 to -5°C, and the mixture was stirred at -5°C for 30 minutes. After addition of urea (7 g) and stirring at ambient temperature for 30 minutes, water (400 ml) was added to the reaction mixture. The organic layer was separated, washed with water and 10% aqueous sodium chloride, and dried over magnesium sulfate.

Removal of the solvent gave the solid, which was dried in vacuo to obtain benzhydryl 7-(4-bromo-2-hydroxyiminoacetoacetamido)-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (48 g), mp 105-108°C.

IR (Nujol)  $cm^{-1}$ : 3250, 1770, 1705, 1655, 1540

NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.80 (2H, m), 4.67 (2H, s),  
5.2-6.2 (4H, m), 6.80 (1H, m),  
7.00 (1H, s), 7.45 (10H, m),  
9.42 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 13.20 (1H, s)

#### Example 1

To a solution of benzhydryl 7-(4-bromo-2-hydroxyiminoacetoacetamido)-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (48 g) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (200 ml) was added thiourea (7.0 g) at 5°C, and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for an hour. After the reaction mixture was poured into 3% aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2 liter), sodium chloride (150 g) was

added thereto. The precipitates were collected by filtration and then dissolved in a mixture of acetone (200 ml) and ethyl acetate (500 ml). The separated organic layer was washed with an aqueous sodium chloride, followed by evaporation. The resultant precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with ethyl acetate and diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to give benzhydryl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (16.9 g), mp 133-136°C.

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3200, 1780, 1720, 1670, 1610  
NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 3.75 (2H, m), 5.2-6.1 (4H, m),  
6.67 (1H, s), 6.75 (1H, m), 7.00 (1H, s),  
7.20 (2H, m), 7.34 (10H, m), 9.50 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ )

#### Example 2

The following compounds were obtained according to a similar manner to that of Example 1.

- (1) DL-1-Ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer)

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1780, 1750, 1670

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.17 (3H, t,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ),  
1.50 (3H, d,  $J=6\text{Hz}$ ), 3.75 (2H, m),  
4.13 (2H, q,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 5.1-6.0 (4H, m),  
6.63 (1H, s), 6.7-7.3 (4H, m),  
9.45 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ ), 11.33 (1H, s)

- (2) t-Butoxycarbonylmethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer)

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 3170, 1780, 1730, 1665,  
1620

(3) DL-1-Propionyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-  
2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-  
carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 3200, 1780, 1765, 1720, 1710,  
1660, 1630

(4) Pivaloyloxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-  
hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-  
carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3400, 1785, 1750, 1670, 1615,  
1530, 1310, 1220

(5) Palmitoyloxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-  
hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-  
carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1775, 1670, 1615, 1530,  
1305, 1210

(6) (5-Methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl 7-[2-(2-  
aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-  
vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1812, 1772, 1730, 1668,  
1611

(7) Phthalid-3-yl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-  
hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-  
carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3200 (broad), 1772 (broad),  
1728 (shoulder), 1660, 1620

(8) Carboxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-  
hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-  
carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 1765 (broad), 1720, 1660 (broad)

- (9) Sodium 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer)  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3200, 1760, 1660, 1600

Example 3

Benzhydryl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (68.5 g) was added portionwise to a mixture of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (60 ml) and anisole (60 ml) at 5-7°C, and the mixture was stirred at 5°C for an hour. The reaction mixture was added dropwise to diisopropyl ether (1.5 liter), followed by collecting the precipitates by filtration. After dissolving in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) and ethyl acetate (100 ml), the solution was extracted with an aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The obtained aqueous layer was adjusted to pH 5.0 with 10% hydrochloric acid, washed with ethyl acetate and then chromatographed on aluminum oxide. Elution was carried out by 3% aqueous sodium acetate, and the fractions containing the desired compound were collected. After adjusting to pH 6.0 with 10% hydrochloric acid, the aqueous solution was again chromatographed on activated charcoal. Elution was carried out by 20% aqueous acetone, and the collected fractions were concentrated in vacuo and then lyophilized to give sodium 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (14.4 g), which was decomposed from 220°C.  
IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3200, 1760, 1660, 1600  
NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  : 3.67 (2H, s), 5.2-5.7 (3H, m), 5.83 (1H, d, J=5Hz), 6.80 (1H, m), 7.00 (1H, s)

Example 4

1-DL-Iodoethyl ethyl carbonate (22 g) was added

dropwise to a solution of sodium 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (15 g) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (120 ml) at 5-7°C, and the mixture was stirred at 5°C for 30 minutes. To the reaction mixture was added ethyl acetate (200 ml), followed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with water and an aqueous sodium chloride, and then dried over magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the residue was washed with ethyl acetate and dried in vacuo to give DL-1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (7.4 g), mp 126-130°C.

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1780, 1750, 1670, 1620

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.17 (3H, t, J=7Hz), 1.50 (3H, d, J=6Hz), 3.75 (2H, m), 4.13 (2H, q, J=7Hz), 5.1-6.0 (4H, m), 6.65 (1H, s), 6.7-7.3 (4H, m), 9.45 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 11.33 (1H, s)

#### Example 5

Cesium carbonate (2.06 g) was added to a solution of 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (syn isomer) (5 g) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (50 ml) at 25°C.

The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour and cooled on an ice-bath. To this cooled mixture was added 1-DL-iodoethyl ethyl carbonate (9.2 g) all at once, and the mixture was stirred at 0-3°C for 40 minutes. To the reaction mixture was added ethyl acetate (300 ml), which was followed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with water twice and brine, treated with activated charcoal and dried over magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was washed with diisopropyl ether and air-dried to give DL-1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-

hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate  
(syn isomer) (4.6 g), mp 126-130°C.

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1780, 1750, 1670

NMR ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.17 (3H, t,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ),

1.50 (3H, d,  $J=6\text{Hz}$ ), 3.75 (2H, m),

4.13 (2H, q,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 5.1-6.0 (4H, m),

6.63 (1H, s), 6.7-7.3 (4H, m),

9.45 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ ), 11.33 (1H, s)

#### Example 6

Potassium iodide (4.0 g) was added to a solution of  
t-butyl chloroacetate (1.2 g) in N,N-dimethylacetamide  
(50 ml) and the mixture was stirred for 40 minutes at  
ambient temperature. The precipitate was filtered off.

To the filtrate was added potassium 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-  
4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxy-  
late (syn isomer) (3.2 g) at ambient temperature and the  
mixture was stirred for 1.5 hours at the same temperature.  
The reaction mixture was added to a mixture of water  
and ethyl acetate and the mixture was adjusted to pH 7.0  
with 20% aqueous solution of potassium carbonate.

The separated organic layer was washed with water,  
dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give  
t-butoxycarbonylmethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-  
hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate  
(syn isomer) (2.0 g).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 3170, 1780, 1730, 1665,  
1620

NMR ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.43 (9H, s), 3.76 (2H, q,  $J=18.0\text{Hz}$ ),

4.73 (2H, s), 5.24 (1H, d,  $J=5.0\text{Hz}$ ), 5.38 (1H,

d,  $J=11.0\text{Hz}$ ), 5.68 (1H, d,  $J=18.0\text{Hz}$ ),

5.82 (1H, dd,  $J=5.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $8.0\text{Hz}$ ), 6.66 (1H, s),

7.03 (1H, dd,  $J=11.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $18.0\text{Hz}$ ),

9.46 (1H, d,  $J=8.0\text{Hz}$ )



Example 7

DL-1-Propionyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1.38 g) was obtained by reacting 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (syn isomer) (5 g) with DL-1-bromoethyl propionate (4.56 g) according to a similar manner to that of Example 5.

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3300, 3200, 1780, 1765, 1720, 1710, 1660, 1630

NMR ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$ : 1.03 (3H, t,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 1.48 (3H, d,  $J=6\text{Hz}$ ), 2.38 (2H, q,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 3.53 and 3.97 (2H, ABq,  $J=18\text{Hz}$ ), 5.23 (1H, d,  $J=5\text{Hz}$ ), 5.4 (1H, d,  $J=11\text{Hz}$ ), 5.65 (1H, d,  $J=18\text{Hz}$ ), 5.85 (1H, dd,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ ,  $5\text{Hz}$ ), 6.67 (1H, s), 6.83 (1H, dd,  $J=18\text{Hz}$ ,  $11\text{Hz}$ ), 6.93 (1H, q,  $J=6\text{Hz}$ ), 7.1 (2H, broad s), 9.43 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ ), 11.33 (1H, s)

Example 8

Pivaloyloxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1.24 g) was obtained by reacting 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (syn isomer) (3 g) with iodomethyl pivalate (5.05 g) according to a similar manner to that of Example 5, mp 90-100°C (dec.).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 1785, 1750, 1670, 1615, 1530, 1310, 1220

NMR ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$ : 1.14 (9H, s), 3.58 and 3.97 (2H, ABq,  $J=18\text{Hz}$ ), 5.24 (1H, d,  $J=5\text{Hz}$ ), 5.39 (1H, d,  $J=11\text{Hz}$ ), 5.7-6.0 (3H, m), 5.77 (1H, d,  $J=17\text{Hz}$ ), 6.70 (1H, s), 6.83 (1H, dd,  $J=11\text{Hz}$ ,  $17\text{Hz}$ ), 7.12 (2H, broad s), 9.49 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ ), 16.24 (1H, s)

Example 9

Palmitoyloxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1.86 g) was obtained by reacting 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (syn isomer) (3 g) with iodomethyl palmitate (4.13 g) according to a similar manner to that of Example 5, mp 90-105°C (dec.)

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1775, 1670, 1615, 1530, 1305, 1210

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.1-1.7 (26H, m), 2.3-2.5 (2H, m), 3.56 and 3.95 (2H, ABq,  $J=18\text{Hz}$ ), 5.21 (1H, d,  $J=5\text{Hz}$ ), 5.37 (1H, d,  $J=11\text{Hz}$ ), 5.7-6.0 (3H, m), 5.75 (1H, d,  $J=17\text{Hz}$ ), 6.66 (1H, s), 6.7-7.0 (1H, m)

Example 10

To a solution of potassium 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (2.0 g) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (30 ml) was added 4-bromomethyl-5-methyl-1,3-dioxol-2-one (1.0 g) under ice-cooling with stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 minutes. The resulting mixture was poured into ethyl acetate (200 ml) and the organic solution was washed with water three times. The separated organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (50 g) to give (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)-methyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (0.62 g).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3300, 1812, 1772, 1730, 1668, 1611

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 2.17 (3H, s), 3.52, 3.98 (2H, ABq,  $J=17\text{Hz}$ ), 5.15 (2H, s), 5.20 (1H, d,  $J=5\text{Hz}$ ),

5.30 (1H, d, J=11Hz), 5.63 (1H, d, J=17Hz),  
5.76 (1H, dd, J=5Hz, 8Hz), 6.63 (1H, s),  
6.83 (1H, dd, J=11Hz, 17Hz), 9.42 (1H, d, J=8Hz),  
11.3 (1H, s)

5 Example 11

Phthalid-3-yl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1.05 g) was obtained by reacting potassium 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1.0 g) with 3-bromophthalide (0.9 g) according to a similar manner to that of Example 10.

15 IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3200 (broad), 1772 (broad),  
1728 (shouder), 1660, 1620

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 3.70 (2H, m), 5.18 (1H, d, J=5Hz),  
5.43 (1H, d, J=11Hz), 5.73 (1H, d, J=17Hz),  
5.83 (1H, dd, J=5Hz, 8Hz), 6.75 (1H, s),  
6.7-7.2 (2H, m), 7.66-8.0 (6H, m),  
20 9.87 (1H, d, J=8Hz)

20 Example 12

Trifluoroacetic acid (5.4 ml) was added to a suspension of t-butoxycarbonylmethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1.8 g) in methylene chloride (4 ml) and anisole (1.8 ml) at ambient temperature and the mixture was stirred for 2 hours at the same temperature.

30 .To the resulting solution was added diisopropyl ether and the mixture was stirred. The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with diisopropyl ether. The precipitates were added to a mixture of ethyl acetate and water and the mixtuer was adjusted to pH 7 with 20% aqueous solution of sodium carbonate  
35 under stirring. The separated aqueous layer was adjusted

to pH 2.2 with 10% hydrochloric acid under ice-cooling. The precipitate was collected by filtration washed with ice-water and dried over phosphorus pentoxide in vacuo to give carboxymethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (0.73 g).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 1765 (broad), 1720, 1660 (broad)

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 3.76 (2H, q,  $J=18.0\text{Hz}$ ),  
4.76 (2H, s), 5.24 (1H, d,  $J=5.0\text{Hz}$ ),  
5.37 (1H, d,  $J=11.0\text{Hz}$ ), 5.86 (1H, d,  $J=17.0\text{Hz}$ ),  
7.83 (1H, dd,  $J=5.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $8.0\text{Hz}$ ), 6.69 (1H, s),  
6.61-7.67 (3H, m), 9.50 (1H, d,  $J=8.0\text{Hz}$ )

#### Example 13

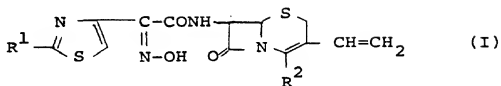
To a solution of DL-1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (syn isomer) (1 g) in a mixture of ethyl acetate (50 ml) and ethanol (2 ml) was added concentrated hydrochloric acid (0.3 ml) under ice-cooling, and the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at  $0-3^\circ\text{C}$ . To the solution was added diisopropyl ether (50 ml), and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ethyl acetate and air-dried to give DL-1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-vinyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylate hydrochloride (syn isomer) (0.8 g).

IR (Nujol)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : 3100, 1780, 1750, 1640

NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  : 1.23 (3H, t,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 1.53 (3H, d,  $J=6\text{Hz}$ ), 3.75 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, q,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ),  
5.0-6.0 (6H, m), 6.83 (1H, s), 6.7-7.2 (2H, m),  
9.7 (1H, d,  $J=8\text{Hz}$ ), 12.5 (1H, broad s)

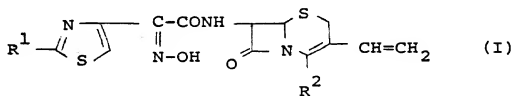
What we claim is :

1. A compound of the formula :



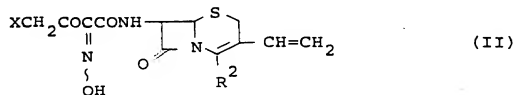
in which  $\text{R}^1$  is amino or a protected amino group,  
and  
 $\text{R}^2$  is carboxy or a protected carboxy group,  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A process for production of a compound of the formula :



in which  $\text{R}^1$  is amino or a protected amino group,  
and  
 $\text{R}^2$  is carboxy or a protected carboxy group,  
or a salt thereof,  
which comprises

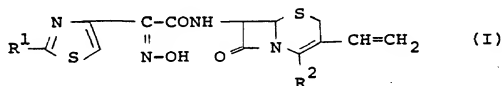
- (1) reacting a compound of the formula :



in which  $R^2$  is as defined above, and  
 $X$  is halogen,  
 or a salt thereof with a compound of the  
 formula :

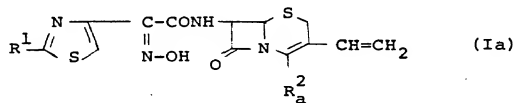


in which  $R^1$  is as defined above,  
 to give a compound of the formula :

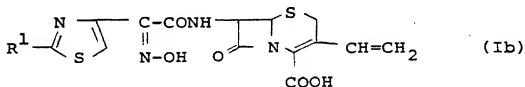


in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are each as defined above,  
 or a salt thereof; or

(2) subjecting a compound of the formula :

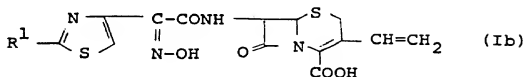


in which  $R^1$  is as defined above, and  
 $R_a^2$  is a protected carboxy group,  
 or a salt thereof to the removal reaction of the  
 carboxy-protective group to give a compound of the  
 formula :

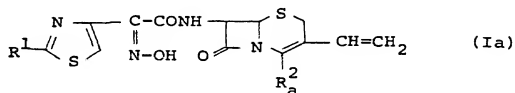


in which  $R^1$  is as defined above,  
or a salt thereof; or

- (3) introducing a carboxy-protective group  
into a compound of the formula :

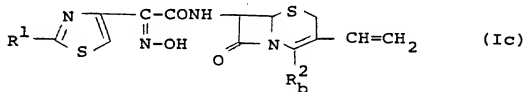


in which  $R^1$  is as defined above,  
or a reactive derivative at the carboxy group  
thereof, or a salt thereof  
to give a compound of the formula :



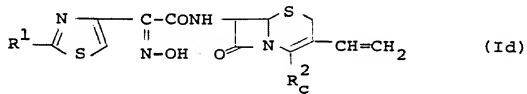
in which  $R^1$  and  $R_a^2$  are each as defined above,  
or a salt thereof; or

- (4) subjecting a compound of the formula :



in which  $R^1$  is as defined above, and  
 $R_b^2$  is protected carboxy(lower)-  
alkoxycarbonyl,

or a salt thereof to removal reaction of the  
carboxy-protective group in  $R_b^2$  to give a compound  
of the formula :



in which  $\text{R}^1$  is as defined above, and  
 $\text{R}^2$  is carboxy(lower)alkoxycarbonyl,  
 or a salt thereof.